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DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENT HAVING A SLIT AND METHOD FOR THE  
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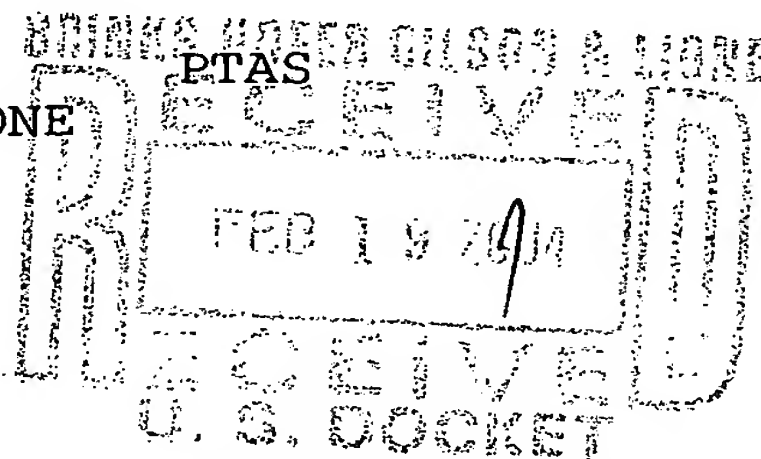


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WHEREAS, Paul T. Van Gompel, Russell E. Thorson, and Yung H. Huang, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States patent, application entitled DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENT HAVING A SLIT AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF, executed by Assignors on the same date as this Assignment;

WHEREAS, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956-0349, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

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